

School Size and Enrollment 2012-13

School Size	# of Schools	Percent of Schools	Enrollment	Percent of Enrollment
>500	52	6%	44,569	31%
250 to 499	149	18%	54,227	38%
100 to 249	168	20%	28,020	20%
50 to 99	123	15%	8,799	6%
<50	332	40%	7,293	5%
824	100%		142,908	100%

Poverty Indicators

Poverty Indicators	MT	National	Rank
Age 5-17 in Families in Poverty*	19.00%	20.80%	24th
Percent Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch**	40.80%	48.00%	19th
*US Census Bureau 2012			
** Common Core of Data, 2010-11 School Year			
Was 30th in 2009 and was higher than the US Average			

Public School Districts

	2012-13
K-12 districts	56
Combined elementary (joint board)	100
Combined high school (joint board)	100
Single districts (150 el, 4 hs)	154
State-funded districts	2
Nonoperating districts	5
Total School Districts	417

School Data

	2012-13
Elementary Schools	439
Middle, 7&8	214
High Schools	171
Total Schools	824

Nonpublic School Enrollment (Self-Reported)

	2010 -11	2011-12	2012-13	% of Total Enrollment
Private	7,627	7,347	7,757	5.0%
Home school	4,269	4,260	4,329	2.8%
Total	11,896	11,607	12,086	7.8%

About the Big Sky State

- Population: 1,005,141 (2012 Estimate)
- Size: 147,046 square miles (fourth largest state)
- Population density: 6.7 per square mile (2010 Census)
- State racial makeup: White 89.4%, American Indian 6.3%, Hispanic 2.9 %, Asian 0.8%, Black 0.4%, Pacific Islander 0.1% and Other 0.1% (2010 Census)
- Seven Indian Reservations and 12 Tribal Nations, including one landless tribe, the Little Shell Chippewa
- School racial makeup: White 80.5%, American Indian 11.4%, Hispanic 3.9%, Asian 0.8%, Black 1.0%, Pacific islander 0.2% and more than one race 2.1%
- 570 miles long, 315 miles wide
- Elevation range: 1,820 to 12,799 feet above sea level
- Borders three Canadian provinces and four states
- Headwaters for two major rivers – Missouri and Columbia
- Primary industries: agriculture, services, government (including education) and retail trade

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- www.mt.gov
- Travel Montana 1-800-847-4868
- http://ceic.mt.gov
- The Census & Economic Information Center (406) 841-2740

For more school data:

- www.opi.mt.gov/measurement
- http://GEMS.opi.mt.gov
- www.opi.mt.gov/reportcard

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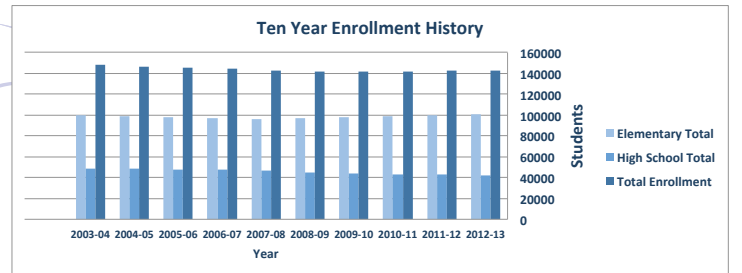
	2011 -12	2012 -13	% Change 2012 to 2013
Elementary			
Prekindergarten	1,468	1,318	
Kindergarten	11,696	11,708	
Grades 1-6	64,923	66,256	
Grades 7-8	21,610	21,507	
Total Elementary	99,697	100,789	1.1%
High School			
Grades 9-12	42,538	42,008	
Total High School	42,538	42,008	-1.2%
State-Funded Schools*			
Elementary (Pre K-8)	26	30	
High School (9-12)	86	81	
Total State-Funded Schools	112	111	-0.9%
Total Public School Enrollment	142,347	142,908	0.4%

* The state-funded schools are Pine Hills School, Riverside School, and the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind.

Montana Public School Enrollment

Montana enrollment peaked in the 1995-96 school year. Since then, enrollment has decreased by more than 20,000 students. The enrollment decrease is due to the decrease in Montana live births. After declining for seven years, kindergarten enrollment began increasing again in 2003-04 and has increased by 1,550 students from 2003-04 to 2012-13. High school enrollment is continuing to show a steady decline (-1.2%).

For the second time since the 1995-96 school year Montana (Pk-12) showed an increase in enrollment. Elementary grades (Pk-8) are showing an increase in enrollment (1.1%).



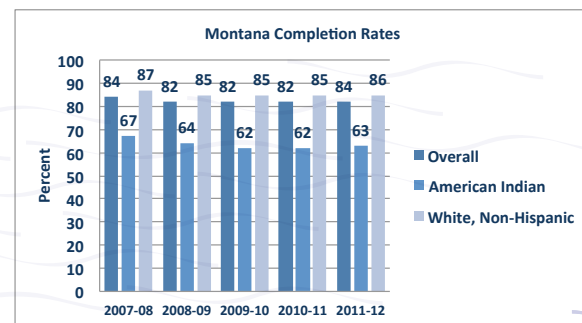
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High School Graduates 2012

High School Graduates 2012	10,046
GED* recipients (ages 16 to 19)	1,120*
General Educational Development	

Montana Completion Rates 2007 - 08 to 2011-12

Overall high school completion rates have been relatively stable over the past five years. The gap between American Indian students and all students combined is 19 percentage points. The gap between white students and American Indian students is 23 percentage points in 2011-12.



Licensed K-12 Staff (Full-Time Equivalent)

	2012 -13
Teachers- Classroom, Title I, Special Ed.	10,320
Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents	152
Principals and Assistant Principals	508
Other Administrative Staff	81
Education Specialists (Library, Guidance Counselors)	943
Licensed Professional (Noneducator)	362
Total Licensed Staff FTE	12,366
Paraprofessionals	2,318

Total Licensed and Paraprofessional Staff 14,684

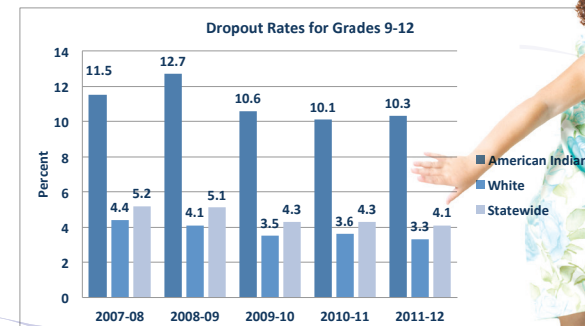
Student/Teacher Ratio

	2008-09	2009 -10	2010 -11
Montana average	13.6	13.5	13.8
National average	15.3	15.4	15.7

Data from Common Core of Data, U.S. Department of Education

Dropout Rates for Grades 9-12 2007-08 to 2011-12

Fifth-year student-level data from schools and increased quality control measures have resulted in more accurate data. The 2008-09 data should be considered baseline. Dropout rates for American Indian, White and All Students as a whole declined since the 2008-09 school year.



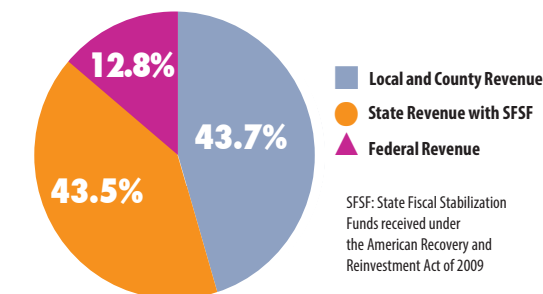
Assessment/ Test Scores

Test Scores	2011		2012		2013	
	MT	Natl	MT	Natl	MT	Natl
ACT**	22.1	21.1	22.0	21.1	21.3	20.9
SAT*						
verbal	539	497	536	496	538	491
math	537	514	536	514	541	503
writing	516	489	511	488	513	480

** American College Testing Program-- High Score 36. In 2013, 72 percent of Montana graduating seniors took the ACT. Nationally, 54 percent of graduating seniors took the ACT, up from 61 percent in Montana and 52 percent in the US in 2012.

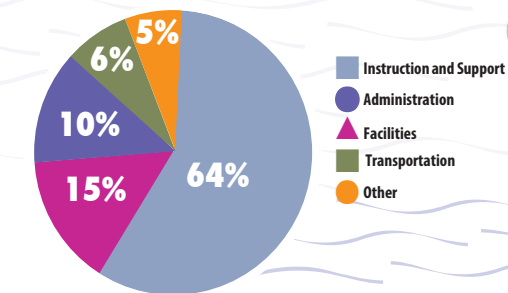
*Scholastic Aptitude Test-- High Score 800. In 2013, 21 percent of Montana graduating seniors took the SAT. Nationally, 43 percent of graduating seniors took the SAT.

Montana Public School Districts Statewide Revenues 2011-12



SFSE: State Fiscal Stabilization Funds received under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

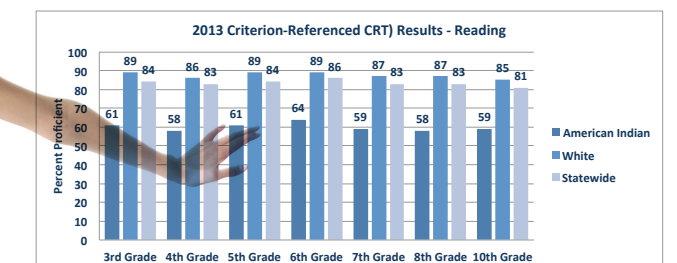
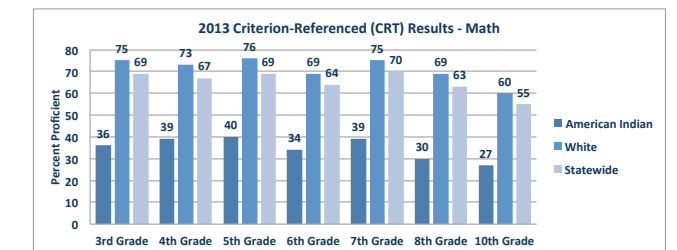
Montana Public School Districts Statewide Expenditures 2011-12



Based on the Standard and Poor's definition

2013 Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT) Math & Reading

In Spring 2013, Montana students took the CRT test in the 3rd through 8th and 10th grades measuring progress toward state standards in reading and math. The achievement gap between American Indian students and all students is substantial in both reading and math in every tested grade. In math it is never closer than 33 points (10th grade) and in reading it is never closer than 25 points (6th grade).



2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), referred to as the Nation's Report Card, is a measure of student achievement in the United States. This chart shows the percent of the "All Students" category in Montana and national public schools who scored at or above basic. A basic achievement level in NAEP means that students have partial mastery of prerequisite knowledge and skills that are fundamental for proficient work at each grade.

Data obtained from the NAEP Data Explorer (NDE): <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/naepdata/report.aspx>

